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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1307

DIGEST OF HB 1307 (Updated March 4, 2015 12:41 pm - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 33-35; IC 33-37.

Synopsis: Lake County city and town court jurisdiction. Increases the maximum civil jurisdiction from an amount in controversy of \$3,000 to an amount in controversy of \$6,000 for the: (1) East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Hobart, and Crown Point city courts; and (2) Merrillville town court. Specifies that a "clerk serving the county" includes the clerk of a city or town court for purposes of supplementing jury fees from the local jury pay fund.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Fine, Brown C

(SENATE SPONSORS — NIEMEYER, RANDOLPH)

January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
January 22, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 26, 2015, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 27, 2015, read third time, passed. Yeas 98, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 24, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 5, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-35-2-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. The city court of
3 each of the ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** cities having the largest populations and
4 the town court of the town having the largest population in a county
5 having a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but
6 less than seven hundred thousand (700,000) have concurrent civil
7 jurisdiction with the circuit court of the county where the amount in
8 controversy does not exceed ~~three six~~ thousand dollars ~~(\$3,000)~~.
9 **(\$6,000)**. The court has jurisdiction in any action where the parties or
10 the subject matter are in the county in which the city or town is located.
11 However, the city or town court does not have jurisdiction in:
12 (1) actions for slander or libel;
13 (2) matters relating to decedents' estates, appointment of
14 guardians, and all related matters;
15 (3) dissolution of marriage actions; or

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1 (4) injunction or mandate actions.

2 SECTION 2. IC 33-37-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2007,
3 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Upon receipt of monthly claims submitted
5 on oath to the county fiscal body by a clerk serving the county,
6 **including the clerk of a city or town court**, the county fiscal body
7 shall appropriate from the jury pay fund to the court served by the clerk
8 an amount to supplement the cost of jury fees.

9 (b) After all claims received by a county fiscal body during a month
10 have been paid under subsection (a), the county fiscal body may
11 appropriate any unused and unencumbered money remaining in the
12 jury pay fund to maintain and improve the jury system in the county.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1307, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, strike "four (4)" and insert "**five (5)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1307 as introduced.)

WASHBURN

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill No. 1307, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, after line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 33-37-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2007, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Upon receipt of monthly claims submitted on oath to the county fiscal body by a clerk serving the county, **including the clerk of a city or town court**, the county fiscal body shall appropriate from the jury pay fund to the court served by the clerk an amount to supplement the cost of jury fees.

(b) After all claims received by a county fiscal body during a month have been paid under subsection (a), the county fiscal body may appropriate any unused and unencumbered money remaining in the jury pay fund to maintain and improve the jury system in the county."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1307 as printed January 23, 2015.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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